

1940

FINANCIAL REPORT - ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY
JANUARY 1, 1940-DECEMBER 31, 1940

SOURCES

RECEIPTS

\$7,637.87

Bank balance Dec. 31, 1939	\$ 149.31
Book fines on hand Dec. 31, 1939	2.21
Athens.....	1135.00
Clarke County	808.00
Fines, rentals, gifts	396.99
Salaries, travel WPA	3155.96
Bookmobile chassis	237.50
Books WPA	1113.00
Rent YMCA	<u>600.00</u>

DISBURSEMENT 1940

\$7,637.87

Rent YMCA	\$ 600.00
Bookmobile body	408.00
Books Athens-Clarke & WPA	2391.13
Office, incidentals, supplies.....	134.59
Equipment, furniture.....	495.46
Janitor, light, heat	111.00
Periodicals.....	18.30
Salaries WPA	3155.96
Bookmobile chassis WPA	237.50
Cash on	<u>\$7502.14</u>
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1941	<u>135.73</u>

LIABILITIES JANUARY 1, 1941

\$21.24

Books	\$207.89
Supplies	90.29
Heat, light.....	46.79
Periodicals.....	<u>12.00</u>
	<u>\$356.97</u>
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1941	<u>135.73</u>

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS 1941

\$12,166.78

Clarke County	\$1000.00
Athens	1800.00
WPA	8572.00
NYA	194.25
YMCA	<u>600.00</u>

ESTIMATED DISBURSEMENTS 1941

\$12,166.78

Liabilities Jan. 1, 1941	\$ 231.24
Operation of plant	429.00
Periodicals	75.00
Books Athens-Clarke & WPA	3524.76
Salaries WPA.....	6325.03
Salaries NYA	194.25
Bookmobile chassis WPA	747.50
Rent YMCA	<u>600.00</u>

REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE - PROPOSED BUDGET 1941

Barrow county hasnot definitely decided to join the region but Oconee and Oglethorpe counties have signed the necessary agreements and promised the amounts listed below.

Barrow	\$1000000
Clarke	2800.00
Oconee	912.00
Oglethorpe	1831.00
	<u>\$6533.00</u> to serve 39,383 white people

Barrow has 26.25% of total population and 11.59% of total wealth

Clarke has 39.79% of total population and 73.23% of total wealth

Oconee has 14.89% of total population and 6.61% of total wealth

Oglethorpe has 19.06% of total population and 9.57% of total wealth.

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EXPIRES

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MONTHLY REPORT
ATHENS- CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY

JAN. 1 - JAN. 31, 1940

Cash from beginning -----	\$4298.63
Books bought from beginning -----	2135
Books given from beginning -----	3111
No. books in library -----	5236
Registration (City & County) -----	5095
City circulation -----	4042
County circulation -----	1251
Total circulation -----	5293
Books given for month of Jan. -----	31
Books bought for month of Jan. -----	67
No. books prepared for shelves -----	98
No. adults reg. for month -----	56
No. children reg. " " -----	21
Total registered for month -----	77

NEWSPAPERS:

Donated
Banner*Herlad
Christian Science Monitor

Subscriptions:
Atlanta Journal
New York Times

MAGAZINES:

Adults

Cosmopolitan
Readers Digest
American Home
Colliers
Hollands
Biblical Digest

Ga. Ed. Journal
Athletic Journal
National Hist. Mag.
Better Homes & Gardens
Life
Saturday Eve. Post

Popular Mechanics
Good Housekeeping
Time

Magazines: Juveniles:

American Girl

Open Road for Boys

Boys Life.

Signed:

Louise Edwards

MONTHLY REPORT
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY

FEB. 1 - FEB. 29, 1940

Cash from beginning -----	\$4298.63
Books bought from beginning -----	2134
Books given from beginning -----	3135
No. books in library -----	5269
Registration (city & county) -----	5175

City circulation -----	4055
County circulation -----	2091
Total " -----	6146

Books given for month of Feb. -----	24
Books bought for " " " -----	9
No. books prepared for shelves -----	33

No. adults registered for month -----	56
No. children " " " -----	24
Total registered for month -----	80

NEWSPAPERS:

<u>Donated</u>	<u>Subscriptions</u>
Banner-Herald	Atlanta Journal
Christian Science Monitor	New York Times

MAGAZINES: ADULTS

Cosmopolitan	Ga. E. Journal	Popular Mechanics
Reders Digest	Athletic Journal	Good Housekeeping
American Home	National Hist. Mag.	Times
Colliers	Better Homes & Gardens	
Hollands	Life	
Biblical Digest	Saturday Eve. Post	

MAGAZINES: JUVENILES

American Girl	Open Road for boys	Boy's Life
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Signed:

Lucille Edwards

MONTHLY REPORT
ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY MAR. 1 - MAR. 31, 1940.

Cash from beginning -----	\$4498.63
Books bought from beginning -----	2143
Books given from " -----	3136
No. books discarded during month -----	7
No. books in library -----	5272
Registration (city and county) -----	5265

City circulation -----	4155
County " -----	1694
Total " -----	5849

Books given for month of March -----	1
Books bought for month of " -----	9
No. books prepared for shelves -----	10

No. adults registered for month -----	66
No. children registered for month -----	24
Total registered for month -----	90

NEWSPAPERS:

<u>Donated</u>	<u>Subscriptions</u>
Banner-Herald	Atlanta Journal
Christian Science Monitor	New York Times

MAGAZINES: Adults

Cosmopolitan	Ga. Ed. Journal	Popular Mechanics
Redaers Digest	Athletic Journal	Good Housekeeping
American Home	National Hist. Mag.	Times
Colliers	Better Homes & Gardens	
Hollands	Life	
Biblical Digest	Saturday Eve. Post	

Juveniles

American Girl	Open Road for boys
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Signed:

Monthly Report
Athens-Clarke County Library

Apr. 1 - Apr. 30, 1940

Cash from beginning	County - 400.00	\$4896.63
No. books in library beg. of month		5272
No. books bought for month		13
No. books given " "		9
No. books discarded during month		3
No. books in library		5291
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No. adults registered for month		46
No. children " " "		22
Total registration(City& county)		5333
City circulation		3897
County "		2385
Total circulation		6282

NEWSPAPERS:

Donated

Subscriptions

Banner*Herald
Christina Science Monitor

Atlanta Journal
New York Times

Magazines: Adults

Cosmopolitan
Readers Digest
American Homes
Colliers
Hollands
Biblical Digest

Ga.Ed. Journal
Athletic Journal
National Hist. Mag.
Better Homes and Gardens
Life
Saturday Eve. Post

Popular Mechanics
Good Housekeeping
Times

Juveniles:

American Girl

Open Road for boys

Signed:

Luelle Edwards

MONTHLY REPORT
ATHENS CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY
May 1 - May 31, 1940

Cash from beginning	City \$225.00	\$5121.63
No. books in library beg. of month		5291
No. books bought for month		250
No. books given for month		42
No. books discarded		0
No. books in library		5583

No. adults registered for month	39
No. children " " "	39
Total registration (city & county)	5411

City circulation	4522
County #	1916
Total circulation	6438

NEWSPAPERS:

Donated

Banner-Herald
Christian Science Monitor

Subscriptions:

Atlanta Journal
New York Times

MAGAZINES:

Cosmopolitan
Readers Digest
American Home
Colliers
Hollands
Biblical Digest

Ga. Ed. Journal
Athletic Journal
National Hist. Mag.
Better Homes and Gardens
Life
Saturday Eve. Post

Popular Mechanics
Ladies Home Journal
Good Housekeeping
Times
National Geographic

JUVENILES:

American Gril

Open road for boys

Signed:

Lucille Edwards

MONTHLY REPORT
ATHEES CLARKE COUNTY LIBRARY
JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 1940

Cash from beginning -----	\$5121.63
No. books in library beg. of month -----	5583
No. books bought for month -----	74
" " given " " -----	11
No. books discarded -----	0
No. books in library -----	5668
 No. adults registered for month -----	 53
No. children " " " -----	69
Total registration (city & county) -----	5533
 City circulation -----	 5251
County " -----	2486
Total circulation -----	7737

NEWSPAPERS:

Donated

Banner-Herald
Christian Science Monitor

Subscriptions

Atlanta Journal
New York Times

MAGAZINES:

Cosmopolitan
Readers Digest
American Home
Colliers
Hollnads
Biblical Digest

Ge. Ed. Journal
Athletic Journal
National Hist. Mag.
Better Homes and Gardens
Life
Saturday Eve. Post

Popular Mechanics
Ladies Home Journal
Good Housekeeping
Times
National Geographic

Juveniles:

American girl

Open road for boys

Signed:

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Monthly Report
 Aiken - Clarke Co. Library
 July 1 - July 31

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no. bks. in lib. beg. of mo.	5668
no. bks. bought for mo.	25
" " given " "	97
no. bks. discarded "	15
no. bks. in library	5775
no. adults reg. for mo	47
no. children " " "	21
total reg. (city & co.)	5601
city circulation	4694
county "	2304
total cir.	<u>6998</u>

Lucille Edwards

Monthly Report
 Athens-Clarke Co. Library
 Aug. 1 - Aug. 31

Cash from beg.	5121.63
No. bks. in library beginning of mo.	5775
No. books bought for month	184
No. books given for month	0
No. books discarded	8
No. books in library	5951
No. adults reg. for month	37
No. children reg. for month	20
Total reg. (city + Co.)	5658
City circulation	4489
County circulation	1911
Total Circulation	<u>6400</u>

Lucille Edwards

February 13, 1940

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the office of Mr. B. M. Grier with the Finance Committee of the City Council at 8:00 P. M. on Monday, February 12, 1940.

There were nine members of the Board present: Mesdames Bailey, Green, Wilkins, Bradshaw, Messrs., Grier, Mell, Erwin, Nickerson and Burnet, and Mayor Robert McWhorter, Mr. Bedgood, Mr. Emmett Wier.

Mrs. Ritchie motioned that the minutes be dispensed with, and Mrs. Green seconded this motion. Voting unanimous.

Mr. Grier explained the purposes of having evening meeting of the Library Board together with the City Council committee for discussing the finances of the Library.

The motion was made and seconded that the ultimate aim of the Library for the year 1940 be the doubling of the number of books on the shelves of the Library. Motion by Mrs. Green and Second by Mr. Erwin. Voting unanimous.

Mrs. Wilkins announced that 706 books had been added to the Library during 1939 at a cost of over \$1,055.81.

Mrs. Ritchie explained plans for the Birthday Dinner of Luncheon to be held on the third Wednesday in April with the Civic clubs of Athens co-operating, and Birthday gifts to be asked for at that time for the Library. Representatives from County School Districts to speak at luncheon telling benefits derived from Library.

Mr. Burnet motioned that the City double their appropriation to the Library for 1940, Mr. Erwin seconded this motion, and voting was unanimous.

Mrs. Bailey motioned that \$1,000.00 be asked for from the County Commissioners. This motion was seconded by Mr. Norman Nickerson, and it was agreed by the members of the Library Board that The president and Secretary are authorized to leave to the discretion of the Committee the amount asked for.

Mrs. Ritchie motioned to formally request the Finance Committee of the City Council to accompany the Library Board to the County Commissioners at their monthly meeting in March. Mr. Nickerson seconded this motion, and voting unanimous.

Mrs. Green motioned the President to ask any members to go with them to County Commissioners. Mr. Grier appointed Mrs. Green, Mr. Mell, Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Erwin, Mrs. Bradshaw to go before County Commissioners to ask for 1940 appropriation.

Mr. Grier appointed Mrs. Green and Mr. Mell to get representatives from County to appear with Board before Commissioners.

This evening meeting with the City Council Committee will stand for the February meeting, and it was unanimously agreed that the next meeting of the Library Board be held at 5:00 P. M. on the second Wednesday in March, and a definite decision to be made then for future meeting time.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Sec-Treas.

March 13, 1940

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the office of the Y.M.C.A., on March 13, 1940 at 5:00 P. M.

There were six members of the Board present: Mr. B.M.Grier, Mr. T.S. Mell, Mrs. T.F. Green, Mrs. J.W. Bailey and Mr. Will Erwin and Mrs. J.J.Wilkins, Jr.

The Board voted unanimously to adopt the annual financial report with correction made as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$149.21 on hand, together with a cash donation of \$50.00 from Mrs. W.F. Bradshaw. The Board voted unanimously to purchase books at the discretion of the Committee and inscribe Mrs. Bradshaw's name on the flyleaf.

The Treasurer reported bills due to

Gaylord Bros.,	\$ 4.65
Jr. Lit. Guild	18.50
McGregor's	97.24
Huntting Co.	125.02
Bailey & Wilkins	3.25

making a total of \$248.66. It was agreed to pay as many of these bills as possible with the money on hand.

The following members were re-elected for a term of three years: Mesdames Bailey and Ritchie and Mr Mell.

The resignations of Mrs. Bradshaw, Mr. David Michael and Mr. R.R. Gunn were accepted with regret, and the following were elected to fill these vacancies: Mrs. Arthur Gannon, Mrs. T.H. McHatton and Mr. James White. Mr. Fred Williams was named as an alternate in case any of these three did not accept.

Mr. Grier appointed Mrs. Green to submit at the next meeting the name of a person from the County to serve on the Board.

Mrs. Wilkins explained that there was a possibility of WPA putting on a person to mend books at the Library. Mrs. Wilkins made a motion to assist the WPA traveling librarian as much as possible in finding someone to do this work. Mr. Mell seconded this motion, and the voting was unanimous.

Mr. Grier reported that the Rotary, Kiwanis, and Lions Clubs had voted to meet with the other clubs at the Library Luncheon in April. Mrs. Ritchie is chairman of this committee, but is absent from this meeting.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that WPA is putting on a week of Publicity during either April or May, and asking the co-operation of all Libraries, as there is a possibility of the Government 1940 appropriation being cut, and this drive is to acquaint the public with the many services being performed by the WPA program. Mr. Grier appointed Mrs. Wilkins and Mrs. Gannon and Mrs. McHatton to work with Miss Mattie Julia Nichols on this publicity.

The Board agreed to meet the second Tuesday in April at 5:00 P.M. in the Y.M.C.A.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. John J. Wilkins Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

April 10, 1940

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library met on Tuesday, April 9th, 1940 at 5:00 PM in the Y.M.C.A. There were five members present. Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Ritchie, Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Burnet.

In the absence of the chairman Mr. Burnet was named temporary chairman. The motion was made by Mrs. Ritchie and seconded by Mr. Davis.

The treasurer reported all bills past due had been paid.

Mrs. Ritchie gave a report on the plans for the Library Luncheon to be held at the Georgian Hotel on Wednesday, April 17th, 1940, with the Lions Rotary, Kiwanis, Junior Assembly, Womans Club and others sending representatives. The main speaker will be Mr. Henry McIntosh, with Mr. Rush Burton of Lavonia and Judge Blanton Fortson as alternates.

Discussion was held as to the possibility of keeping the Library open at certain hours with a special collection for the Negroes, twice a week. The secretary was authorized to write to the State Library Commission for information as to how to proceed.

The regular meeting time was changed from the second Tuesday to the first Tuesday at 5:00 PM on account of conflict with other organizations. This motion was made by Mr. Burnet and seconded by Mrs. Ritchie. Voting unanimous.

Election of officers for the fiscal year 1940 was held. Mr. Grier was elected Chairman; Mrs. Wilkins, Vice-chairman and Treasurer, and Mrs. Arthur Gannon, Secretary.

The motion was made by Mr. J.K. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Bailey that the chairman of the Luncheon committee have printed or mimeographed a booklet for the Luncheon, giving the financial report and the annual circulation report, and that extra ones be made to send to other libraries in the state and the State Library Commission. A maximum of \$5.00 was decided upon for the cost of same.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mr. Davis and second of Mrs. Ritchie.

Respectfully submitted,

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June 4, 1940

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library was held at the Y. M.C.A. Tuesday, June 4, 1940 at 5:00 P.M. with the Vice-President, Mrs. Wilkins, in the chair and Mrs. Gannon acting as Secretary. Eight members were present: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. Mell, Mr. Erwin, Mrs. Gannon and Mr. White. The April minutes were read and approved. There was no May meeting, as not enough members attended to form a quorum.

The treasurer reported that outstanding bills of \$250.00 had not been , but would be paid, as there was sufficient money in the treasury.

The Chair called attention to the fact that Mr. Albert Sams and Mr. Norman Nickerson would end their terms of office July and August respectively. They were unanimously re-elected.

Discussion of the WPA book mending project which will mean the services of one book mender, provided the library can find room to take care of the worker and her equipment led to a consideration of available places in Athens. Mrs. Green volunteered to consult Miss Laura Blackshear and Mrs. Ritonie agreed to ask Mr. David Michael for a space of 12 x 12 ft. in the basement of the Michael Bros. store.

The Chair announced that the library was in need of larger quarters and pointed out that the Y.M.C.A. Secretary and President both had declared that there was no more available space. Mrs. Ritchie moved that a committee be appointed to look into the matter. The committee is as follows: Mr. Erwin, Mr. White and Mrs. Ritchie.

The members were informed that Mrs. Weyman Davis would continue the story hour Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the library.

Mrs. Bailey reported on the letter from Miss Aiken of the State Library Commission in regard to library service for negroes. Miss Aiken suggested that the negroes have a separate place in which to receive books and that the colored people first be allowed to read the books on the premises and later to take them out. Great care in the selection of books was urged. Books about colored people were considered best.

The Chair informed the members that a library bookmobile was sponsored by the Federal Government. The County Commissioners were to pay \$387.00 on a truck

valued at \$1187.00. The Government was to pay the balance, defray the salary of the driver and take care of the maintenance. A committee of the Library Board was appointed to ask the Commissioners for the necessary appropriation. The committee is: Mr. Mell, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Grier and Mr. Erwin.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Upshaw Gannon.

Secretary

July 2, 1940.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Athens Public Library was held at the Y.M.C.A. ^{Monday} July 2, 1940 at 5:00 P.M. with the Vice-President, Mrs. Wilkins, in the Chair and Mrs. Gannon acting as Secretary. Seven members were present: Mrs. Wilkins, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Mell, Mr. Nickerson, Mrs. Gannon and Mr. White. The minutes of the June Meeting were read and approved.

Mrs. Bailey reported on the plans for library service for colored people. Prof. Du Val of the negro high school offered the use of the high school building and hopes to get a colored teacher who had library training.

Mrs. Green reported that there was no available space at Michael Bros. or the University of Georgia which could be turned over to the book mending project.

The Chair reported that Miss Spence and Miss Frances Wood announced that Athens had been chosen as one of the Ga. cities for a regional library center. There will be a \$1400.00 all-steel truck -- \$900.00 of which will be paid by WPA; a trained librarian, truck driver and operating expenses will also be furnished by WPA. Later Athens will have to take over.

Mr. Davis called a meeting of the county commissioners who agreed to give \$442.00 for the truck. With this project in addition to the already over crowded library the need for larger quarters appeared so urgent that Mr. Davis and Mr. Bedgood agreed to ask the Y.M.C.A. Board at its July meeting to give additional space to the library. If this request is granted, the larger quarters will take care of the mending project.

The Chair announced that Mr. Sams upon being notified of his re-election to the Library Board asked that his resignation be accepted as he was too busy. Mr. Mell moved that the Vice President and Mrs. Green decide upon a new member.

The attention of the members was called to the fact that the ~~old~~ constitution and by-laws were in need of revision. Mr. White moved that Mr. Mell, Mr. Erwin and Mrs. White be appointed to draft a new constitution. Seconded Carried.

It was suggested that the library maintain exhibits to interest the public. Members were asked to consider this matter.

Mr. Nickerson was asked to give at a later date an estimate on the cost of iron gates to section off the library.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,

September 3, 1940

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the Director's Room of the Y.M.C.A., on Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 P.M., September 3rd, 1940. There were five members present: Mesdames Bailey, Wilkins, Messrs., Mell, Nickerson and Erwin.

The treasurer reported \$121.01 in the bank, with a payment of \$250.00 from the City up until Ocotober 1. Book rentals for the month of August totaled \$10.79. The outstanding bills amounted to \$87.40.

The committee on membership reported one name to be considered - Rabbi Block. This name was filed for future reference.

Mr. Nickerson was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the problem of grillwork for the division of the library in the enlarged quarters.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that the truck bids had all been rejected because they were too high, and that new bids will be accepted. Other dealers are being asked to bid, in addition to those who bid the first time.

Discussion was held about furnishing the library when it is enlarged. Motion by Mr. Mell and second by Mrs. Bailey that \$250.00 be set aside for this expansion to include furniture and other necessary items. This was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

October 1, 1940

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the Y.M.C.A., on Tuesday, October 1, 1940 at 5:00 P.M. There were eight members present; Mesdames Green, Bailey, McHatton and Wilkins, and Messrs., Mell, Grier, Nickerson and Burnet.

The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported \$288.50 in the Bank; \$100.00 to be collected from the City for October and rentals of \$14.56 for the month of September. The bills for the month of September total \$118.70, leaving an actual cash balance in the bank of \$169.80.

The librarian's report was read: New Members Adult - 33; Children - 15; Books given - 63; Books purchased - 55; Number books in library - 6069; Number registered readers - 5706.

The following committee reports were heard:

Mrs. Bailey - Negro Library. No further work had been done. Mr. Grier suggested that two or three of the Negro Civic Clubs would undoubtedly get behind this project and help it along.

Mr. Nickerson - Iron Grill. As nearly as possible it is estimated that the new partition will amount to \$50. Further work is to be done in getting prices.

Mrs. Wilkins - Regional Library ^{WPA} ^{Plan} Mrs. Wilkins explained the details of the regional library which is to be established here by WPA, with WPA paying a nine months rental as purchase price on the chassis and cab of a truck, and the County Commissioners paying for the building of an all steel special built library truckbody. This will inaugurate county service in Clarke and in any other counties included in the regional plan, with those counties paying some financial appropriation toward the purchase of books; ~~and at the same time the counties will be able to pay for the books~~ ^{later on when WPA will be withdrawn from the project} the counties being considered are Oconee and Oglethorpe.

^{Plan} WPA will furnish a trained librarian to direct this enlarged project for at least eighteen months. Withdrawal of government funds ~~for the salary of the trained librarian will occur then, and the librarian must be paid by local funds.~~

During the rental period WPA will pay the upkeep and maintenance charges ^{rental} on the truck, but this will cease at the end of the ~~pay~~ period, and expense of same must be assumed by the ~~local library board~~ ^{County Commission} at that time., in conjunction with those other counties in the regional plan.

WPA will place a worker in each county to help with the distribution of books there.

Motion was made by Mr. Burnet and seconded by Bailey that a

committee composed of Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Nickerson and Mr. Erwin meet with the building committee of the Y.M.C.A., to settle on the final boundary line in the Y.M.C.A. ~~xx~~ The Board agreed that any expense entailed in moving a drinking fountain or radiator be borne by the Library.

The Board asked that Mrs. Wilkins get in touch with Miss Wood and Miss Spence to ask them to come to Athens as soon as possible for a joint luncheon meeting with this Board to discuss the plans for this regional library. The Board also asked that Mrs. Wilkins request in her letter to Miss Wood a letter telling the plans ~~in the near future~~ ~~the Board~~ outlining

The Board asked that a second called meeting be held at a later date with a representative from each county to be included for discussion of budget and details of the regional plan, and that these counties should send permanent representatives to meet with our Board each month.

Upon motion of Mr. Burnet and second of Mrs. Green the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

195 CLAYTON ST.

ATHENS, GEORGIA
October 4, 1940

Mrs. John J. Wilkins, Jr.
Secretary Athens Public Library
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Wilkins:

Due to my inability to attend regularly the meetings of the library and being so interested, I feel that I am taking the place of some one who could be of greater value on the board, and I ask you to kindly accept my resignation from same.

In so doing, I do not want the members of the board to feel that I am not interested, because I do think that you have done a swell job in building our library to where it is today; a credit to our community of which we are all very proud. I trust that in the future, I will have the opportunity of serving the library association, and I want you to feel free to call upon me.

Wishing you continued success, I remain,

Very Sincerely,

Henry M. Rosenthal

HMR:hw

Letter expressing regrets

October 11, 1940

A called meeting of the the Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the private dining room of the Georgian Hotel for a luncheon meeting on Friday, October 11, 1940 at one o'clock.

There were five members present: Mesdames Green, McHatton, Wilkins, Messrs., Erwin and Burnet, and Miss Spence of the Atlanta WPA office and Miss Frances^{Wood} of the Gainesville WPA office.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and the treasurer reported a balance of \$145.81 in the bank, with all bills paid.

The meeting was called to give the members of the Library Board of Trustees an opportunity to hear Miss Spence and Miss Wood outline and explain what plans and details had been completed for the regional library which will be established in the Athens library.

Miss Spence announced that many more details would have to be completed, and that probably a committee would be named from this library to represent Athens on the Regional Library Board, and this Board would include members from each of the counties participating.

Miss Spence explained that it was customary for the counties to pay the upkeep of the truck separately from the book fund appropriation.

Mrs. Wilkins asked Miss Wood to kindly send verification of the awarding of the bid to Mr. Cuyler Trussell as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion of Mr. Burnet.

Respectfully submitted,

December 3 , 1940.

The Board of Trustees of the Athens Clarke County Public Library met in the Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday December 3, 1940 at 5 o'clock. There were 6 members present.

The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved. No meeting was held in November.

The Treasurer reported \$19.81 in the bank. \$382.93 had been used to pay bills and \$66.88 was still owed on unpaid bills. Of the \$100 due from the City Council for December \$25 was still due.

It was reported that an arrangement had been made whereby the library was to pay the Y.M.C.A. \$75 for heat per year (instead of \$7.75 per month) and \$50 per year for lights. Mrs. Wilkins moved that this report be accepted. Carried.

The Board decided to pay the janitor \$2.00 per week in winter and \$1.25 in summer.

Mr. Rosenthal's resignation was read. Mrs. McHatton moved that it be accepted with regrets. Carried.

Mrs. Wilkins reported on the library:

The circulation for Sept: 5209; Oct. 5252; Nov. 2974.

The General Hospital made a book truck. The Athens library filled it last week. This was inaugurated by Rabbi Block. Books are delivered on Thursday P.M. from 3-4.

The new library quarters were described. The R. L. Moss Lumber Co. bid for erecting partition and bookcases was \$194.20. 2% discount for cash reduced it to \$189.32. Three companies made bids. This was lowest and was accepted.

Mrs. McHatton reported that Mrs. Woofter offered the library a collection of books belonging to the late Dr. T. J. Woofter.

Miss Berry outlined plans for an open house at the library on Friday December 6 from 3:30 to 5:30. The Board of Trustees were to be hosts and hostesses. Mrs. McHatton moved that tea be served. Mrs. Wilkins seconded the motion. Carried. The Board members voluntarily contributed money toward refreshments. Mrs. Wilkins, Miss Berry and Mrs. Bailey will be in charge. Mrs. Bailey, as President of the Woman's Club, will supervise refreshments.

Miss Berry reported that the Bookmobile is going into all Clarke Co. schools. It holds between 1000 and 1200 books. There is interest but a shortage of books. Mrs. Wilkins moved that \$200 be appropriated for books immediately--to be staggered \$100 in January and \$100 in February. Motion carried.

The Chairman, Mr. Grier, asked Mrs. Wilkins and Miss Berry to prepare and submit the 1941 budget at the January meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Nell Upshaw Gannon, Secretary

B. M. Grier, President.